

Pentecost

May 23, 2021



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Welcome to worship today! We are grateful you are here as part of the gathered and scattered community of God. Please note that our worship will be recorded / live streamed so that those who could not make it would be part of the worship service.

A couple helpful hints to make sure that we are all safe here together:

- Please keep your mask on and over your entire nose and mouth for the duration of service.
- During the music portion of the service, we invite you to listen quietly in your seats.
- Please practice social distancing.
- Feel free to drop-off your offering on your way out, and thank you!

Gathering Song

How Can I Keep From Singing

Gathering

One: Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh,
thus says the Lord.

All: Send down the fire of your justice!

One: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

All: Send down the rain of your love!

One: Your old shall dream dreams,
and your young shall see visions.

**All: Send down your Spirit,
breathe life in your people!**

One: In those days, I will pour out my spirit.

All: And we shall be people of God.

Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Arrangement by David Neff

Confession

Unison Confession

Loving God, You gifted us with many languages to praise You and describe our hearts. Your Spirit weaves our stories together but we use difference as a barrier not a bridge. Forgive us, Living God, we've forgotten the fire of the Holy Spirit. She enlivens us, guides us, and stirs in us Your voice. We've been too afraid to engage the Holy Spirit. Forgive our contentment with status quo. Help us to see that You are a God who lives outside of the box. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: The same Spirit present with the disciples on the day Jesus returned to heaven is here today. Because of God’s grace in Jesus Christ we have access to forgiveness. Let’s celebrate with joy!

All: We are forgiven!

Song

Come Spirit, Come

Kiran Young Wimberly- Celtic Psalms

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Regina Langley

Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

If you are worshipping with us online, we invite you to greet one another and offer a word of peace, too.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Under the Influence

Rev. Dr. Regina Langley

Song

Give Me Jesus

Blessing

Rev. Dr. Regina Langley, Guest Preacher

Reverend Dr. Regina D. Langley is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) – NJ Conference. She served as the pastor of St. James AME Church in Manalapan, NJ; as well as on the ministerial staff to congregations in NJ, OH and NC. Her ministry has taken her across the globe, doing mission trips to Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Lithuania, Morocco, Mexico, and throughout the United States.

Dr. Langley earned both the Ph.D. and Master of Divinity degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ; the Master of Arts in Women’s Studies from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, OH; and the Bachelor of Arts from American University in Washington, D.C.

Most recently, Dr. Langley served as the Program Manager at The Drumthwacket Foundation where she curated and created historical and educational programs for students, while public and event tours for the people of New Jersey at the Governor’s mansion.

She enjoys writing, sewing, photography and cross-country travel.